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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office action of January 26, 1995, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend claim 1:

- 1 1. (Amended) A method of enhancing the signal-to-noise ratio of a
2 microphone array, the array including a plurality of microphones and having a
3 directivity pattern, the directivity pattern of the array being adjustable based on one
4 or more parameters, the method comprising the steps of:
- 5 a. evaluating one or more parameters to realize an angular orientation of a
6 directivity pattern null, which angular orientation reduces microphone array
7 output signal level in accordance with a criterion, said evaluation performed
8 under a constraint that the null be precluded from being located within a
9 predetermined region of space which comprises a range of directions about the
10 array, which range reflects a predetermined directional variability of the
11 desired acoustic energy with respect to the array;
- 12 b. modifying output signals of one or more microphones of the array based on
13 the one or more evaluated parameters; and

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